



By the Mayor.



Whereas the unruly and meaner sort of people, having under the late usurped powers, been encouraged and borne up in their undutifulness and contempt of their Superiours, especially of the Nobility and Gentry of the Kingdome, (upon whose oppression the Usurpers advanced themselves, and sought to be established upon their ruine,) are not yet so generally reduced to good order and obedience, but that many, especially Hackney-coachmen, Carmen, Draymen, Colliers and others of like condition and employment, are daily complained of for their rudeness, affronts and insolent behaviour towards Noblemen, Ladies, Gentlemen and Persons of quality, passing in their Coaches, or walking through the Streets of the City, not only to the danger of the Peace (by affrayes and bloodshed which often happen) but to the great dishonour of the Government, and no small hindrance and hazard to the Trade, whilst persons of Estate and Quality being discontented by such affronts and injuries, and discouraged from coming into the City, are forced (though at dearer rates) to furnish themselves in the suburbs, and to invite the Trade thither for their better accomodation; which evils would be corrected and in great measure prevented were the Constables ready as they ought on all occasions to execute their office upon such Offendors; And whereas the Law in favour to Constables, in case of Sicknes or necessary absence from their shops or houses, doth allow them to depute and leave their Serbants, or other persons of ability and discretion in their roomes, to take away all excuses and pretences whatsoever for neglect of their duty, And doth require every Constable to be alwaies ready at his dwelling in his own person, or by such deputy, to suppress disorders, and keep the Peace, and for other matters pertaining to his place and office under severall forfeitures and punishments which by Laws and Orders of the City (where greater and more continual occasions and dangers do happen,) are made more strict and heavy, and a further penalty inflicted upon him that shall be found without a Staffe openly and visibly fixed at his doore for better direction and notice of his dwelling: These are to charge and command you in His Majesties name, that from henceforth you be attendant, vigilant and active, as the Law requires, in your own person or by your deputy (in your necessary absence) as to other purposes of your Office, so particularly to suppress these disorders of Hackney-coachmen, Carmen, Draymen, Colliers and others, and (when ever you shall be required, or receive information, or shall your self see cause) to apprehend such as in gesture, words or actions, shall offer any violence, rudeness or other misdemeanour, towards any Noblemen, Lady, Gentleman or Person of Quality within this City or Liberties, and them to bring (if taken at a convenient time, or otherwise to secure in one of the Compters till they can be brought) before me or some other of His Majesties Justices of the Peace to be dealt withall according to Law; Letting you know that in Whosoever Precinct the author of any such disorder shall escape, or whatsoever Constable shall be found delinquent in any other particulars of his duty, especially in those before-mentioned, shall himself be severely prosecuted and punished according to Law. And hereof fail not at your utmost perils.

Dated the 3 day of March, 1662.

Weld.

To all and every the Constables  
within the City of London  
and Liberties thereof.